

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-43 and add new claims 44-91.

44. (New) A method of accessing or receiving information stored in electronic or other form,
the method comprising the use of alpha-numeric codes,
wherein the codes comprise one or more alpha-numeric sub-codes in a hierarchical structure and wherein the sub-codes and/or codes are used to identify, describe, define, classify or encode a description of the content of said information.

45. (New) A method according to claim 44, wherein a code comprising n sub-codes provide for n levels in the hierarchical structure.

46. (New) A method according to claim 44, wherein the sub-codes are numeric.

47. (New) A method according to claim 44, wherein said sub-codes comprise a two digit code.

48. (New) A method according to claim 44, wherein all of said sub-codes have the same data structure.

49. (New) A method according to claim 44, wherein the codes include a sequence of one or more of said numeric or alpha-numeric sub-codes.

50. (New) A method according to claim 47, wherein the codes comprise a sequence of two digit sub-codes.

51. (New) A method according to claim 44, wherein said codes are stored together with links in electronic or other form, said links being usable for accessing or receiving said information.

52. (New) A method according to claim 44, wherein the sub-codes and/or codes are used to navigate to desired or associated links or information.

53. (New) A method according to claim 44, wherein each of the sub-codes at each level of the hierarchical structure is associated with a certain subject-term.

54. (New) A method according to claim 44, wherein the codes consist solely of a combination of said sub-codes.

55. (New) A method according to claim 44, wherein information assigned a particular code relates either:

i) to the subject-term associated with said particular code if the code includes a single sub-code; or

ii) to all subject-terms associated with all sub-codes of said particular code if the code includes more than one sub-code.

56. (New) A method according to claim 44, wherein one or more of said codes are distributed together with information and/or products.

57. (New) A method according to claim 44, wherein an indexing function is provided at each level of said hierarchical structure.

58. (New) A method according to claim 57, wherein at each level of said hierarchical structure data related to subject-terms associated with the sub-codes are available upon entering a particular sub-code.

59. (New) A method according to claim 53, wherein one or more of the sub-codes are converted into the associated subject-terms.

60. (New) A method according to claim 44, wherein codes complemented by subject-terms are used to search for, access or receive information.

61. (New) A method of navigating in a database or a network of databases, the method comprising the use of codes,

wherein the codes include one or more numeric or alpha-numeric sub-codes in a hierarchical structure, and wherein the sub-codes and/or codes are used to identify, describe, define, classify or encode a description of the content of said information,

and wherein a code of n sub-codes is used to navigate to level n in the hierarchical structure.

62. (New) A method of storing links and/or structuring links stored in electronic or other form,

the method comprising storing the links to information associated with said codes,

wherein the codes include one or more numeric sub-codes in a hierarchical structure and wherein the sub-codes and/or codes are used to identify, describe, define classify or encode a description of the content of said information.

63. (New) A method of retrieving or receiving information from a database or a data network using the methods according to claim 44.

64. (New) A method of encoding information, the method comprising encoding information into numeric or alpha-numeric codes, wherein the codes include one or more numeric or alpha-numeric sub-codes in a hierarchical structure.

65. (New) A method according to claim 62, wherein a code comprising n sub-codes provide for n levels in the hierarchical structure.

66. (New) A method according to claim 61, wherein said sub-codes comprise a two digit code.

67. (New) A method according to claim 62, wherein said sub-codes comprise a two digit code.

68. (New) A method according to claim 61, wherein all of said sub-codes have the same data structure.

69. (New) A method according to claim 62, wherein all of said sub-codes have the same data structure.

70. (New) A method according to claim 61, wherein the codes include a sequence of one or more of said numeric or alpha-numeric sub-codes.

71. (New) A method according to claim 62, wherein the codes include a sequence of one or more of said numeric or alpha-numeric sub-codes.

72. (New) A method according to claim 61, wherein said codes are stored together with links in electronic or other form, said links being usable for accessing or receiving said information.

73. (New) A method according to claim 62, wherein the subcodes and/or codes are used to navigate to desired or associated links or information.

74. (New) A method according to claim 62, wherein each of the sub-codes at each level of the hierarchical structure is associated with a certain subject-term.

75. (New) A method according to claim 61, wherein each of the sub-codes at each level of the hierarchical structure is associated with a certain subject-term.

76. (New) A method according to claim 64, wherein the codes consist solely of a combination of said sub-codes.

77. (New) A method according to claim 61, wherein information assigned a particular code relates either:

i) to the subject-term associated with said particular code if the code includes a single sub-code; or

ii) to all subject-terms associated with all sub-codes of said particular code if the code includes more than one sub-code.

78. (New) A method according to claim 62, wherein information assigned a particular code relates either:

i) to the subject-term associated with said particular code if the code includes a single sub-code; or

ii) to all subject-terms associated with all sub-codes of said particular code if the code includes more than one sub-code.

79. (New) A method according to claim 62, wherein one or more of said codes are distributed together with information and/or products.

80. (New) A method according to claim 62, wherein an indexing function is provided at each level of said hierarchical structure.

81. (New) A method according to claim 80, wherein at each level of said hierarchical structure data related to subject-terms associated with the sub-codes are available upon entering a particular sub-code.

82. (New) A method according to claim 61, wherein one or more of the sub-codes are converted into the associated subject-terms.

83. (New) A method according to claim 62, wherein one or more of the sub-codes are converted into the associated subject-terms.

84. (New) A method according to claim 83, wherein codes complemented by subject-terms are used to search for, access or receive information.

85. (New) A method according to claim 84, wherein the code is complemented by a suffix or a prefix.

86. (New) A method according to claim 85, whereby the suffix is used as a filter or to provide additional information.

87. (New) A method according to claim 86, whereby the suffix includes one or more additional subject terms or sub-codes or symbols.

88. (New) An apparatus for performing a search on a database or a network of databases, the apparatus being adapted to perform the method according to claim 44.

89. (New) A database or a network of databases adapted to perform the method according to claim 44.

90. (New) A computer program adapted to perform the method according to claim 44 when being executed on a computer.

91. (New) A system for accessing information stored in a database or network of databases, the system comprising a terminal for entering said codes according to claim 44.